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In re Application of: J. White, et al.

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For:

Modular Substrate Processing System

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2000, having a one-month response period set to expire on February 20, 2000, the Applicants elect claims 1-45, 47-58.

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 46 without prejudice.

**REMARKS** 

This response is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2000. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 1-45, 47-58, drawn to an apparatus for performing a process, classified in class 257, subclass 437.